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MEMORANDUM FOR THE GARMISCH COMMUNITY

SUBJECT: Drowning Prevention / Authorized Swimming Areas

- Drownings are a leading cause of deaths in USAREUR. In most cases, they occur
 during off-duty recreational swimming (usually after dark) in unauthorized swimming
 areas. Drownings are frequently related to alcohol use and hypothermia.
- 2. In general, all commercially operated facilities (public swimming pools) are approved for personnel located within the USAG Garmisch area of responsibility. The attached enclosure contains a sample listing of swimming pools located within the geographical area of Garmisch, which can be used by U.S. military and civilian personnel. This memorandum and the enclosed listing of authorized swimming areas will be posted on bulletin boards from Memorial Day through Labor Day weekends.
- 3. Natural water bodies, such as lakes, gravel pits, and rivers are OFF LIMITS to USAG Garmisch personnel, because of potential dangers, such as sharp drop-offs, swift currents, hidden obstructions on the bottom, and extremely low water temperatures. Only natural bodies, which are approved and clearly marked as an approved swimming area by the local authorities <u>and</u> where official lifeguards are present i.e. lifeguards from the German Life Rescue Association (DRK/BRK Wasserwacht), are authorized for use.
- This memorandum is in effect until superseded.
- POC is Mr. Tuerk, USAG Safety Manager at DSN 440-3595 or Garmisch civilian 08821-750-3595.

Encl

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LIST OF SWIMMING POOLS (In/around Garmisch Area)

Indoor Pools

GARMISCH		OUTSIDE GARMISCH
- Alpspitzbad		Grainau – Zugspitzbad Mittenwald – Erlebnisbad Oberammergau – Wellenberg
	Outdoor Pools	
GARMISCH		OUTSIDE GARMISCH
AlpspitzbadKainzenbadPflegerseeRiessersee		Farchant - Gemeindebad Grainau - Zugspitzbad Kruen - Grubsee Mittenwald - Erlebnisbad Murnau - Strandbad Staffelsee Oberammergau - Wellenberg Oberau - Gemeindebad Ohlstadt - Gemeindebad Seehausen - Strandbad Staffelsee Uffing - Alpenblick Staffelsee Uffing - Gemeindebad Staffelsee